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ADMINISTRATIVE MEMORANDUM )

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15)PRECAUTIONS IN HANDLING DANGEROUS CARGO

1. Supply of this theater of operations involves the discharge, loading, moving and storing of explosives, chemicals, and other dangerous stores. Accidents, resulting in serious and unnecessary loss of life and material, have occurred through improper or careless handling of such stores.

2. The following general rules will be rigidly observed:

a. Notification of consignments of dangerous stores will be forwarded through both technical service (Ord, CWG, Pet, etc) and Movement and Transportation channels. The Movement and Transportation notification will, in the case of transport by sea, give the exact stowages. Movement and Transportation at destinations are responsible that the staffs and services concerned are advised, and the arrangements for handling and receiving the stores fully coordinated before their arrival.

b. Dangerous stores will not be permitted to accumulate in transportation areas such as ports, freight yards, stations, etc. Port Commandants in British operated ports and Port Commanders in American operated ports are responsible that dangerous stores are cleared quickly from ships to depots outside the port area, under the supervision of qualified representatives of the appropriate service.

c. Ships, rail cars and motor transport carrying dangerous cargo will at all staging points be as widely dispersed as possible.

3. Special instructions concerning the particular problem of handling and transporting toxic chemical agents and toxic chemical filled ammunition or munitions are contained in Administrative Memorandum Number 1A, this headquarters, etc. (AG 470.6-4 C-6)

By command of General WILSON:

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